

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUL 18 2007

10/773,573

2

DOCKET NO. P21-164404M/ISI

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A securing clip for securing a first panel member with a second panel member, comprising:

- a first fitting portion having a U-character shape; and
- a second fitting portion having a U-character shape, wherein:
 - the securing clip being like an S-character in cross section; and

the second fitting portion comprising a first engaging pawl on an inner wall face, and the second fitting portion comprising an engagement wall having an engagement face at an end of the engagement wall that faces an opening in a closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion,

wherein a portion of said ~~U-character shape~~ second fitting portion, which is common to a portion of said ~~U-character shape~~ first fitting portion forming a middle of said S-character, comprises a second engaging pawl opposing said first engaging pawl, and

wherein a regulating wall of the second panel and the engagement wall are engaged, an engagement face of the regulating wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion in an insertion direction of the clip, and said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion.

Claim 2. (Previously presented) The securing clip according to claim 1, wherein the engagement wall exists in bilateral symmetry.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The securing clip according to claim 1, wherein said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined with respect to a central axis of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) The securing clip according to claim 2, wherein said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined with respect to a central axis of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) The securing clip according to claim 1, further comprising a detachment grip portion.

10/773,573
DOCKET NO. P21-164404M/ISI

3

Claims 6-7. (Canceled).

Claim 8. (Original) The securing clip according to claim 1, wherein a rib wall is protruded on an inner wall face of the second fitting portion.

Claim 9. (Original) The securing clip according to claim 2, wherein a rib wall is protruded on an inner wall face of the second fitting portion.

Claims 10-13. (Canceled).

Claim 14. (Currently amended) A securing clip for securing a first panel having a hole to a second panel having a hole and a regulating wall, the securing clip comprising:

a first U-shaped fitting comprising a first engaging pawl on an inner wall of the first

U-shaped fitting for engaging the hole in the first panel; and

a second U-shaped fitting comprising:

a second engaging pawl on an inner wall of the second U-shaped fitting for engaging the hole in the second panel;

an engagement wall comprising an engaging face at an end of the engagement wall that faces an opening in a closed end of the U-shape of the second U-shaped fitting, wherein the first U-shaped fitting and the second U-shaped fitting form an S-shaped cross-section; and

a third engaging pawl on an inner wall of the second U-shaped fitting and opposing said second engaging pawl,

wherein the regulating wall of the second panel and the engagement wall are engaged, an engagement face of the regulating wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-shape of the second U-shaped fitting in an insertion direction of the clip, and said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-shape of the second U-shaped fitting.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 14, wherein the engagement wall comprises a pair of engagement walls each having said engaging face.

10/773,573
DOCKET NO. P21-164404M/ISI

4

Claim 16. (Currently amended) The clip of claim 15, wherein said pair of engagement walls ~~are~~ is symmetrically positioned around said second engaging pawl.

Claim 17. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 14, wherein said engagement face is inclined with respect to an axis which is perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said U-character shape of the second fitting portion.

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 14, further comprising a detachment grip integrally provided on an outside wall face at the opening end of the second U-shaped fitting.

Claim 19. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 14, wherein said second fitting further comprises a rib wall on an inner wall face.

Claim 20. (Canceled).

Claim 21. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 1, wherein said second engaging pawl comprises a pair of second engaging pawls receiving said first engaging pawl between the pair of second engaging pawls.

Claim 22. (Previously presented) The clip of claim 14, wherein said third engaging pawl comprises a pair of third engaging pawls receiving said second engaging pawl between the pair of third engaging pawls.

Claim 23. (Currently amended) A securing clip for securing a first panel member with a second panel member, comprising:

- a first fitting portion having a U-character shape; and
- a second fitting portion having a U-character shape, wherein:
 - the securing clip being like an S-character in cross section; and
 - each of the first fitting portion and the second fitting portion comprising an engaging pawl on an inner wall face, and the second fitting portion comprising an engagement wall

10/773,573
DOCKET NO. P21-164404M/ISI

having an engagement face at an end of the engagement wall that faces an opening in a closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion,

wherein said engagement wall is provided parallel to an the inner wall face of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion, and

wherein a regulating wall of the second panel member and the engagement wall are engaged, an engagement face of the regulating wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion in an insertion direction of the clip, and said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion.

Claim 24. (Currently amended) A securing clip for securing a first panel member with a second panel member, comprising:

a first fitting portion having a U-character shape; and

a second fitting portion having a U-character shape, wherein:

the securing clip being like an S-character in cross section; and

each of the first fitting portion and the second fitting portion comprising an engaging pawl on an inner wall face, and the second fitting portion comprising an engagement wall having an engagement face at an end of the engagement wall that faces an opening in a closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion,

wherein said engagement face is positioned substantially in the center between an open end and the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion, and

wherein a regulating wall of the second panel member and the engagement wall are engaged, an engagement face of the regulating wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion in an insertion direction of the clip, and said engagement face of the engagement wall is inclined outwardly away from said opening in the closed end of the U-character shape of the second fitting portion.

Claims 25-28. (Canceled)